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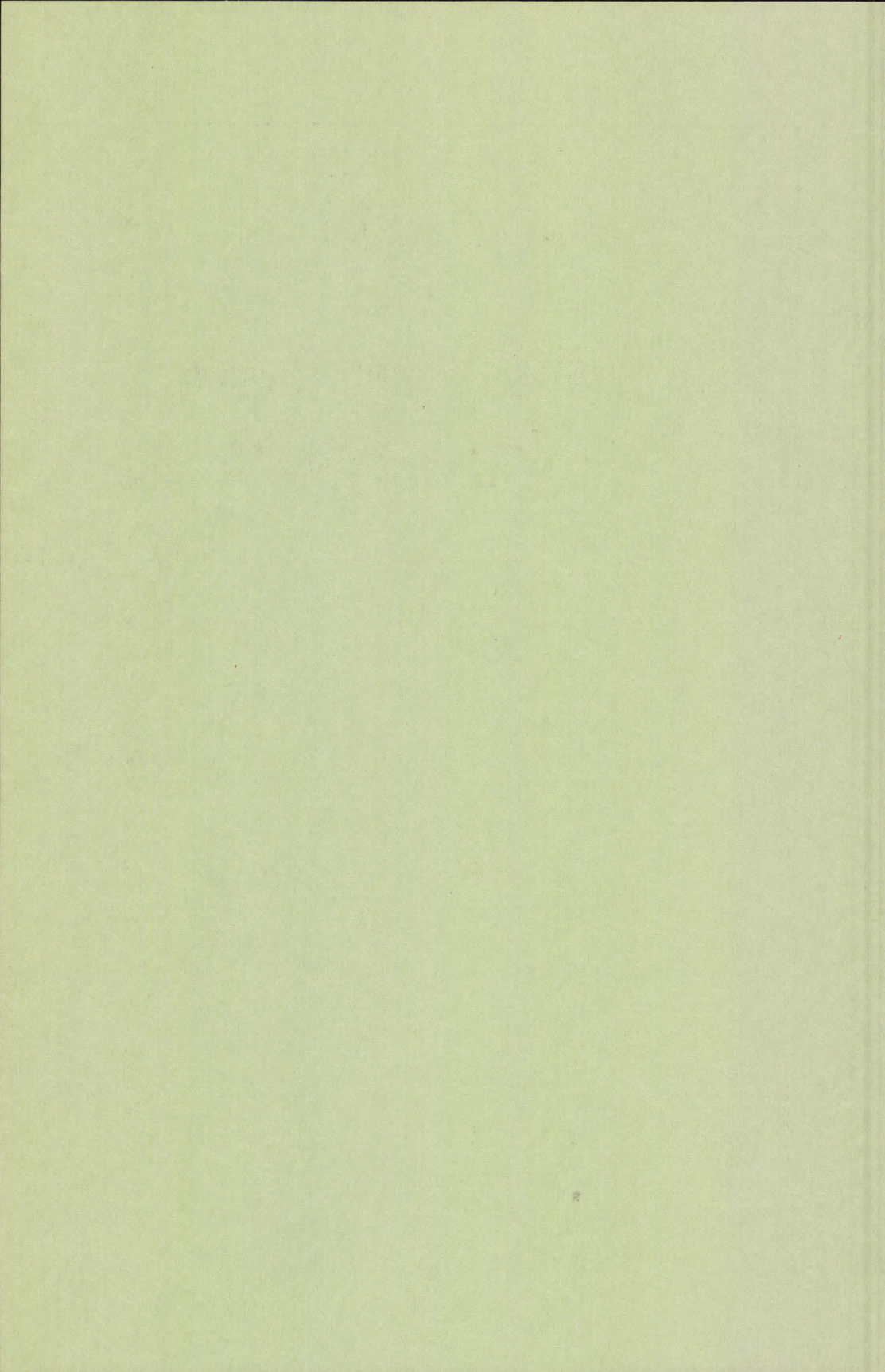
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TO: *His Excellency, Governor James B. Edwards, Chairman
State Budget and Control Board, and The Members of
the South Carolina General Assembly.*

The Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee respectfully submits for consideration its annual report. Included in this report are general data concerning the development of the program and specific data covering the 1976-77 academic year.

Respectfully yours,

Joab M. Lesesne, Jr., Chairman

Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee

TUITION GRANTS — PHILOSOPHY AND PURPOSE

“Whereas, the General Assembly finds that as a result of the rising school population and the continuously rising cost of providing proper facilities for the higher education of young people, there exists in this State an urgent need to use all available educational resources wisely. A lack of higher educational facilities is incimal to the welfare and prosperity of all residents of the State and to the continued financial growth of the State; and

Whereas, the General Assembly also finds that within the State there exists several accredited independent institutions of higher learning whose facilities could be used effectively in the public interest by providing additional space for students thereby eliminating the need for substantial increases in capital outlay funds;

Whereas, it is vital to the growth of the State that all qualified residents be offered the opportunity for furthering their education.

To achieve this in the most economical manner, students willing to bear the major cost of their education expenses should be assisted where financial need exists in an effort to make their educational goals more readily attainable.”

—The Preamble to the Tuition Grants Law

**SOUTH CAROLINA HIGHER EDUCATION
TUITION GRANTS COMMITTEE**

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY FOR THE AGENCY

The General Assembly of the State of South Carolina during the 1970 session passed legislation creating the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee. (House of Representatives Bill No. 2663; Ratification No. 1366). This committee was created as a State agency charged with the responsibility for overseeing the operation of the Tuition Grants Program.

HISTORY OF THE AGENCY

In 1970 the General Assembly passed a bill which created the Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee, an agency which was charged with the responsibility of administering tuition grants to independent college students. The Governor signed the bill on May 1, 1970. The original appropriation was \$5,000. No awards were made the first year. In 1971-72 the program aided 43 students. In 1972-73, a total of 134 students received awards.

A total of 3,271 grants were made for the 1973-74 academic year. The Committee made awards to 5,186 students for the 1974-75 academic year. 5,784 awards were made to students for the 1975-76 year. Thus far, 6,905 awards have been made to students for the 1976-77 year.

PROGRAM ADMINISTERED BY THE AGENCY

The South Carolina Higher Education Tuition Grants Committee has been charged by the General Assembly with the responsibility of administering the Tuition Grants Program. This program allows South Carolina residents who attend independent colleges in this state to receive financial assistance from the state.

All grant recipients must be full-time students, of good moral character and must demonstrate financial need and academic merit. They may not take a course which leads to a degree in theology, divinity, or religious education.

Eligible students may apply their grants towards tuition and fees at a South Carolina independent college which is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools or certified for teacher training. The amount of

the grant may not exceed the student's financial need or the total of tuition and fees charged by the college. Also, the amount may not exceed the annual subsidy for students who attend public colleges in the state.

In October, 1976, the Tuition Grants Committee distributed application forms to all South Carolina secondary schools and to eligible colleges. The guidance offices at the secondary schools and the financial aid offices at colleges distributed these application forms to students throughout the state.

The Tuition Grants Office received a total of 10,265 applications for the 1976-77 Academic year.

The Tuition Grants Program has opened the door of educational opportunity to thousands of South Carolinians. A survey of grant recipients has indicated that forty-three percent (43%) of the grant winners would not have gone to college without the award.

RESOURCES

The state appropriation for 1976-77	\$7,217,379
Federal matching funds through the State student Incentive Grants Program	\$ 481,819
Total Grants Program Funding	\$7,699,198

Total administrative costs for 1976-77 will be approximately \$110,000 or one and one-half percent (1.5%) of the appropriation.

HIGHLIGHTS

1. The 19 colleges where Tuition Grants may be used enrolled a total of 17,140 full time undergraduate students in the fall of 1976. Eighty percent (80%) of these students are South Carolinians and forty percent (40%) received Tuition Grants.
2. Fifty percent (50%) of the grant recipients' families had a gross income less than \$9,000. Seventy-three percent (73%) had incomes less than \$14,000.
3. Full time undergraduate enrollments at eligible independent colleges increased 3.6% over last year. Freshmen enrollments increased 2.6% and South Carolina residents enrollments increased 3.6%.
4. Seventy-nine percent (79%) of the 1976-77 freshmen Tuition Grant recipients ranked in the upper half of their high school class.
5. The 1976-77 tuition and fee charges at the independent colleges range from a low of \$1,200 up to \$3,050. The average tuition and fee charge is \$1,915 per year. The average tuition and fee charge for 1976-77 increased \$186 over the 1975-76 figure.
6. Thirty-four percent (34%) of the 1976-77 award dollars went to South Carolina residents attending the five predominately Black colleges.

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**UNDERGRADUATE FULL-TIME STUDENT ENROLLMENTS AT THE
NINETEEN COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN TUITION
GRANTS PROGRAM**

	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>
Allen	404	345	606	534
Anderson	981	1,017	1,063	1,063
Baptist	1,215	1,236	1,297	1,286
Benedict	1,265	1,262	1,615	1,973
Central Wesleyan	276	321	346	338
Claflin	746	820	903	985
Coker	561	544	403	377
Columbia	831	832	783	812
Converse	779	764	717	753
Erskine	685	715	710	656
Furman	1,990	2,007	2,027	2,012
Limestone	427	432	464	656
Morris	347	389	515	617
Newberry	777	828	829	812
North Greenville	592	594	555	493
Presbyterian	860	812	828	798
Spartanburg	794	774	922	903
Voorhees	728	846	1,007	1,042
Wofford	<u>1,006</u>	<u>982</u>	<u>944</u>	<u>1,030</u>
TOTAL STUDENTS	15,264	15,520	16,534	17,140

Fall enrollment figures for 1976-77 indicate an overall 3.6% increase in the undergraduate full-time student enrollments at Tuition Grants colleges.

Source: "Opening Fall Enrollments," Higher Education General Information Survey

**FULL-TIME FRESHMAN ENROLLMENTS AT THE NINETEEN
COLLEGES PARTICIPATING IN TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>
Allen	155	204	301	155
Anderson	573	569	662	623
Baptist	437	442	552	604
Benedict	336	459	687	778
Central Wesleyan	94	118	121	103
Claflin	268	322	302	297
Coker	163	150	127	124
Columbia	277	290	253	248
Converse	261	234	246	242
Erskine	212	240	252	204
Furman	609	615	655	631
Limestone	135	163	157	193
Morris	127	188	205	274
Newberry	283	280	303	259
North Greenville	450	483	385	282
Presbyterian	250	221	252	277
Spartanburg	549	623	454	538
Voorhees	244	318	327	495
Wofford	264	263	257	343
TOTAL STUDENTS	5,687	6,182	6,498	6,670

Between 1975-76 and 1976-77 there was a 2.6% increase in freshmen enrollments.

Source: Institutional Reports to the Tuition Grants Agency

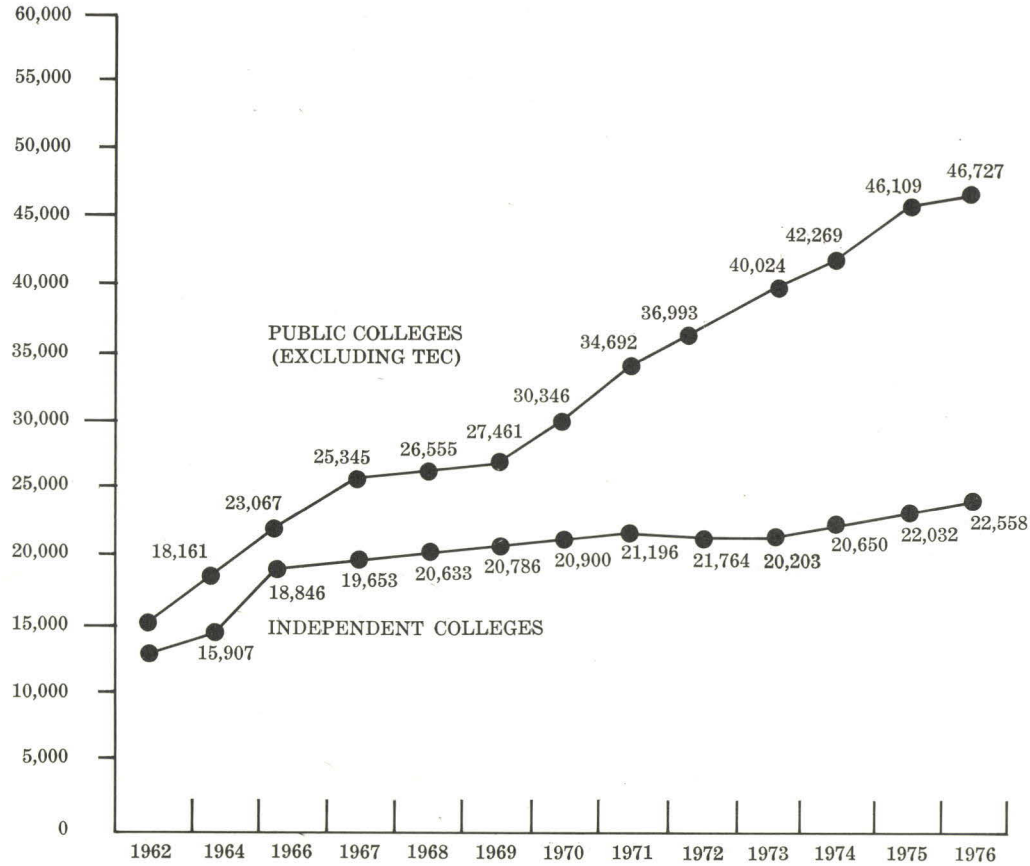
**S. C. RESIDENT ENROLLMENTS AT THE NINETEEN COLLEGES
PARTICIPATING IN TUITION GRANTS PROGRAM**

	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>
Allen	318	390	570	453
Anderson	931	966	993	1,004
Baptist	1,085	1,105	1,203	1,207
Benedict	1,126	1,103	1,473	1,808
Central Wesleyan	156	196	174	171
Claflin	764	785	870	948
Coker	488	485	344	335
Columbia	787	793	733	766
Converse	312	324	327	317
Erskine	435	470	527	493
Furman	1,041	1,221	993	901
Limestone	292	325	358	528
Morris	326	415	503	552
Newberry	574	595	625	631
North Greenville	634	639	527	460
Presbyterian	476	465	504	501
Spartanburg	758	751	840	898
Voorhees	692	813	939	935
Wofford	749	735	695	763
TOTAL STUDENTS	11,944	12,576	13,198	13,671

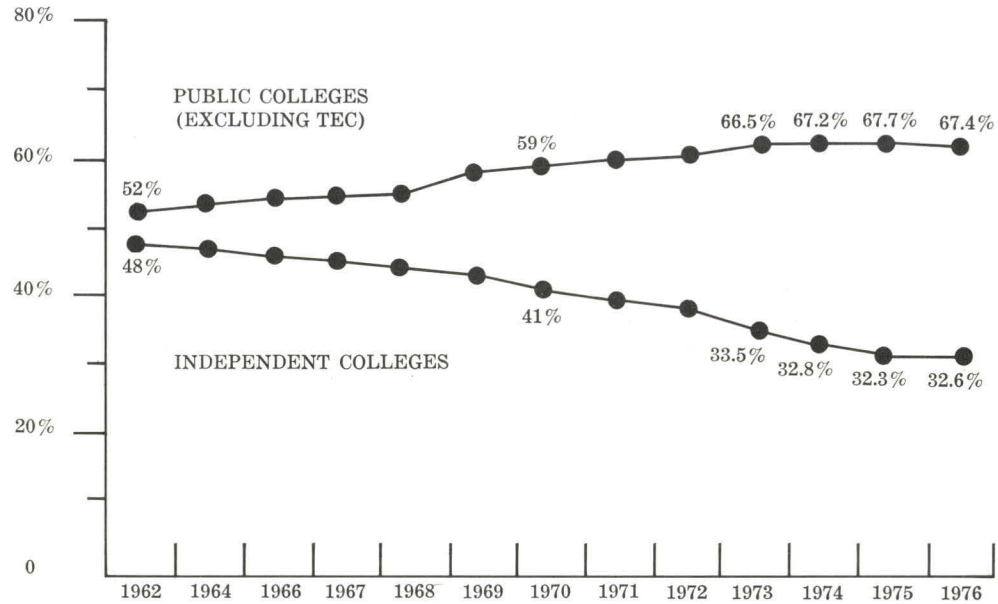
Between 1975-76 and 1976-77 there was a 3.6% increase in
South Carolina residents attending Tuition Grant colleges.

Source: Institutional Reports to the Tuition Grants Agency

FULL-TIME COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ENROLLMENTS **BY PUBLIC & PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS**



PERCENTAGE OF FULL-TIME STUDENTS
IN PUBLIC & PRIVATE COLLEGES



APPLICATIONS RECEIVED AND GRANTS AWARDED

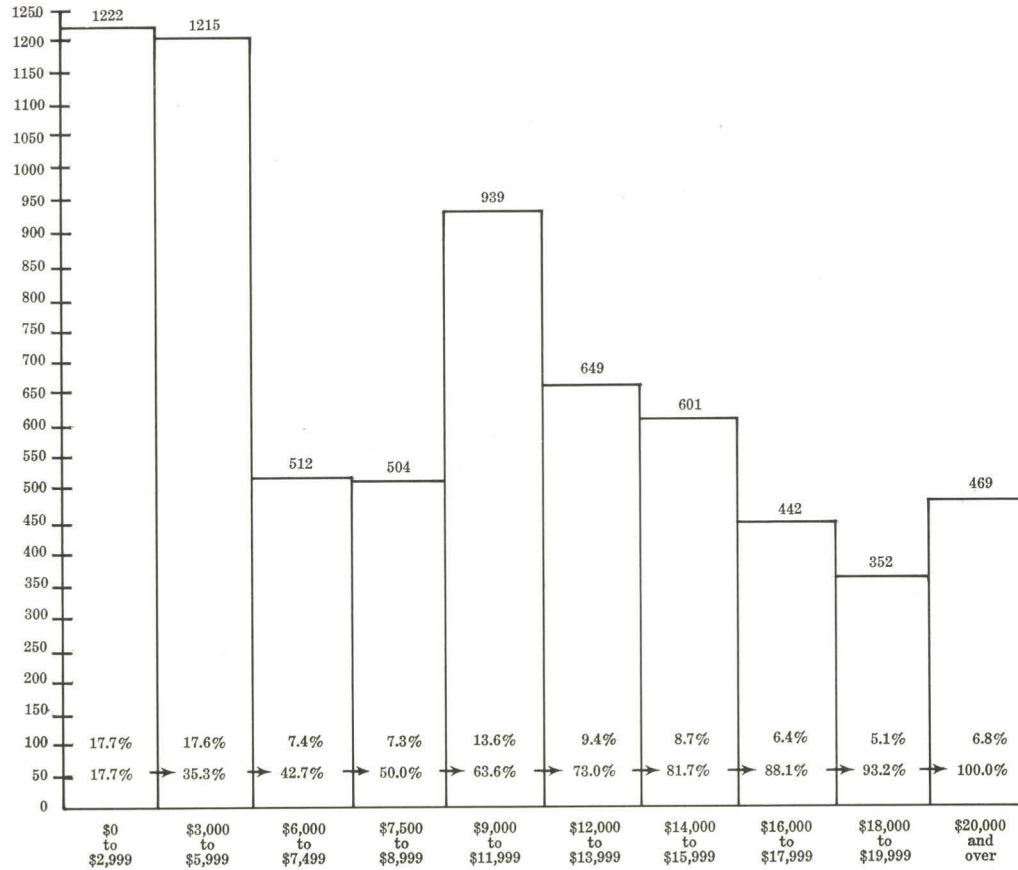
	Applications Received	Grants
Allen	268	173
Anderson	762	465
Baptist	953	566
Benedict	1,710	1,244
Central Wesleyan	123	95
Claflin	908	682
Coker	244	174
Columbia	436	324
Converse	163	103
Erskine	359	274
Furman	637	470
Limestone	273	173
Morris	330	152
Newberry	516	365
North Greenville	327	204
Presbyterian	313	210
Spartanburg	665	327
Voorhees	783	550
Wofford	495	354
TOTALS	10,265	6,905

1976 - 77 TUITION GRANTS

COLLEGE	FRESHMEN		SOPHOMORE		JUNIORS		SENIORS		TOTAL	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Allen.	44	\$ 22,945	66	\$ 34,410	35	\$ 18,680	28	\$ 16,595	173	\$ 92,630
Anderson	238	228,931	227	220,444					465	449,375
Baptist	153	203,510	153	203,370	163	222,940	97	124,900	566	754,720
Benedict	455	479,560	440	473,580	228	247,932	121	129,150	1,244	1,330,222
Central Wesleyan ...	19	25,960	21	24,730	30	36,850	25	29,380	95	116,920
Claflin	163	107,250	204	148,000	171	128,150	144	109,590	682	492,990
Coker	38	49,790	40	52,200	49	64,994	47	63,694	174	230,678
Columbia	101	133,000	94	116,350	72	93,650	57	71,240	324	414,240
Converse	35	48,040	26	33,680	20	27,920	22	26,730	103	136,370
Erskine	67	87,560	81	107,520	62	83,520	64	86,820	274	365,420
Furman	112	146,070	120	154,490	126	170,510	112	152,870	470	623,940
Limestone	63	81,150	54	71,620	22	28,480	34	47,439	173	228,689
Morris	36	26,450	53	37,870	40	29,320	23	19,900	152	113,540
Newberry	117	153,990	112	152,958	73	97,040	63	84,060	365	488,048
North Greenville ...	111	107,495	93	86,305					204	193,800
Presbyterian	53	69,413	70	91,823	42	54,632	45	57,132	210	273,000
Spartanburg	189	146,998	138	106,944					327	253,942
Voorhees	114	117,280	153	161,670	164	172,805	119	131,130	550	582,885
Wofford	116	154,240	87	112,960	93	122,588	58	79,020	354	468,800
TOTALS	2,224	\$2,389,632	2,232	\$2,390,924	1,390	\$1,600,011	1,059	\$1,229,650	6,905	\$7,610,209

Note: Above figures will vary due to refunds, award changes, and new awards

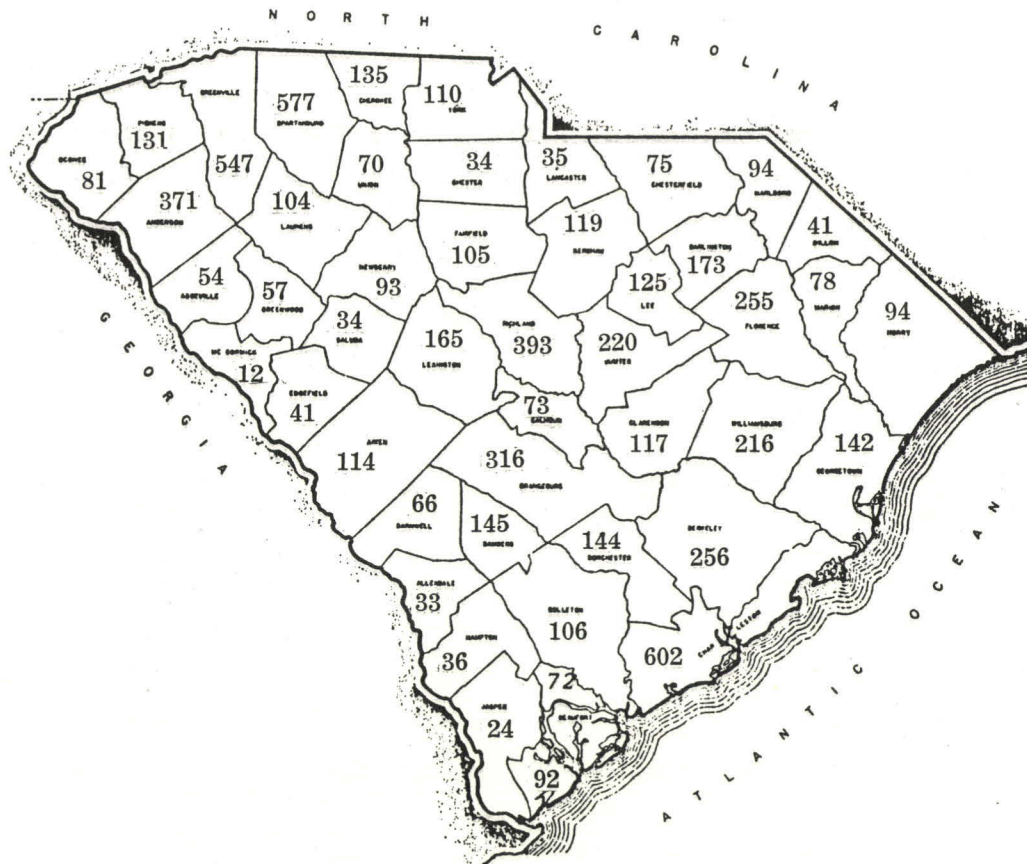
1976 - 77 GRANTS BY INCOME RANGES



1976 - 77 TUITION GRANTS BREAKDOWN

County	Number of Recipients	Percentage of Recipients	Percentage of State Population
Abbeville	54	.78	.81
Aiken	114	1.65	3.51
Allendale	33	.48	.37
Anderson	371	5.37	4.07
Bamberg	145	2.10	.62
Barnwell	66	.96	.66
Beaufort	92	1.33	1.97
Berkeley	256	3.71	2.16
Calhoun	73	1.06	.42
Charleston	602	8.72	9.55
Cherokee	135	1.96	1.42
Chester	34	.49	1.15
Chesterfield	75	1.09	1.30
Clarendon	117	1.69	.98
Colleton	106	1.54	1.06
Darlington	173	2.51	2.06
Dillon	41	.59	1.11
Dorchester	144	2.09	1.25
Edgefield	41	.59	.61
Fairfield	105	1.52	.77
Florence	255	3.69	2.46
Georgetown	142	2.06	1.30
Greenville	547	7.92	9.28
Greenwood	57	.83	1.92
Hampton	36	.52	.61
Horry	94	1.36	2.70
Jasper	24	.35	.46
Kershaw	119	1.71	1.34
Lancaster	35	.51	1.67
Laurens	104	1.51	1.92
Lee	125	1.81	.71
Lexington	165	2.39	3.43
McCormick	12	.17	.31
Marion	78	1.13	1.17
Marlboro	94	1.36	1.05
Newberry	93	1.35	1.13
Oconee	81	1.17	1.57
Orangeburg	316	4.58	2.70
Pickens	131	1.90	2.30
Richland	393	5.69	9.03
Saluda	34	.49	.56
Spartanburg	577	8.36	6.71
Sumter	220	3.19	3.07
Union	70	1.01	1.13
Williamsburg	216	3.13	1.32
York	110	1.59	3.30

1976 - 77 TUITION GRANTS PER COUNTY



1975 - 1976 TUITION GRANTS

COLLEGE	FRESHMEN		SOPHOMORE		JUNIOR		SENIOR		TOTAL	
	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount	No.	Amount
Allen	86	\$ 101,531	52	\$ 62,047	19	\$ 22,723	5	\$ 6,240	162	\$ 192,541
Anderson	311	320,248	179	188,808					490	509,057
Baptist	164	220,487	170	230,049	107	148,454	65	83,930	506	682,920
Benedict	372	526,082	218	305,195	120	169,142	79	107,415	789	1,107,834
Central Wes.	17	24,220	23	31,781	21	29,577	13	16,759	74	102,337
Claflin	156	201,579	166	212,441	126	159,119	50	64,556	498	637,695
Coker	46	59,226	45	59,738	41	55,028	34	43,266	166	217,258
Columbia	94	129,802	78	101,651	60	83,827	25	30,928	257	346,208
Converse	32	41,603	20	26,725	22	29,777	15	20,255	89	118,360
Erskine	73	101,537	69	93,627	62	87,900	29	36,227	233	319,291
Furman	152	211,229	124	167,508	92	123,537	50	68,486	418	570,760
Limestone	73	97,282	47	60,573	34	46,326	22	27,290	176	231,471
Morris	71	76,367	44	46,800	4	4,248	15	16,728	134	144,143
Newberry	155	210,705	78	107,553	67	91,991	24	33,478	324	443,727
N. Greenville	105	99,063	109	99,855					214	198,918
Presbyterian	87	121,141	50	69,692	47	64,341	29	41,040	213	296,214
Spartanburg	221	212,197	126	122,358					347	334,555
Voorhees	140	176,588	173	223,553	113	147,271	26	33,305	452	580,717
Wofford	87	117,192	72	95,140	56	77,178	27	36,282	242	325,792
TOTALS	2,442	\$3,048,079	1,843	\$2,305,094	991	\$1,340,439	508	\$ 666,185	5,784	\$7,359,798

AWARDS, STATE FUNDS, AND TOTAL FUNDS HISTORY

	<u>1970-71</u>	<u>1971-72</u>	<u>1972-73</u>	<u>1973-74</u>	<u>1974-75</u>	<u>1975-76</u>	<u>1976-77</u>
STATE APPROPRIATION ...	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,180,000	\$7,255,473	\$7,329,513
TOTAL FUNDS	\$5,000	\$50,000	\$150,000	\$4,000,000	\$6,398,882	\$7,460,840	\$7,811,332
NUMBER OF GRANTS	—	43	134	3,271	5,186	5,784	6,905

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